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February Newsletter

Valentine Greetings!

Your gift from RVAA this February is our exciting demonstration by Mark deMos, on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library. Mark is an artist in several media and undoubtedly you are familiar with his work. Come, enjoy! You'll note the change this month to Wednesday, since the library did not have the room available on Monday.

Speaking of enjoyment, I enjoyed demonstrating for many of you last night. And because several times I was asked where to find out about shows, I'm listing here the address of CULTURAL EVENTS of New Jersey, a newsletter which informs one of upcoming art shows, as well as crafts, music, and theater. The emphasis is on visual art. It's usually 8-10 pp. long and they are at 429 Quackenbush Place, Ridgewood, NJ, 07450-2120. \$11. gets you the ten issues a year.

V.I.P. The bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of art is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. This is the Saturday after Easter. The bus will leave from the Somerset Circle Shopping Center at 8:45 a.m. The parking lot is big; the bus will be where Reynolds Store used to be and near where the new store, Pier One, is now. The cost is only \$15. The Met charges about \$5.95 for an entrance fee; you can also buy lunch there.

Our chairperson for this event is again (thank you!) Amy Wiedemann. You may send your \$15. check, made out to RVAA, to Amy at 1209 Spruce Hills Drive, Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826. Any questions? Please call Amy at 537-9122.

As usual, the bus will pick us up at the Met at 2:30 to go on to the Salmagundi Club for the annual American Watercolor Society Show, which should be free (this isn't a value judgement; we believe there is no admission charged) (the catalogue isn't free, but it does have pictures).

As any of you who have gone in the past know, this is a GREAT trip. The bus is comfortable (and has a bathroom), the shows are lovely and interesting, we don't have to make our own lunches, and of course, the company could hardly be better. You'll want to sign up soon!

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

(I'm beginning to feel neglected; please send me your member news. A postcard's fine. With 5 people getting, and erasing, inadvertently, phone messages, the postcard is more dependable)

Linda Arnold is in the Art Alumni Biennial Exhibition, sponsored by the Friends of the Gallery/Artists' Network, at the Ben Shahn Galleries of William Paterson College in Wayne, NJ. The show opened January 29 and runs to March 10. Linda also had a painting accepted at the Caldwell College-West Essex Show.

Kathy Detrano's painting, which was accepted into the juried American Artist Professional League Grand National in New York City (Salmagundi Club), won the Claude Parson Memorial Award.

Congratulations, Linda and Kathy!

Philosophical Note to end February's Newsletter.....In two days it will be February 2nd. Ground Hog Day. Since we have not really had any winter yet, how can the Ground Hog make an appearance to tell if we will have six more weeks of winter?

Happy painting!